

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



Executive Council

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TO THE EDITOR

I am pleased that the Milford Cabinet is making an effort to showcase the Executive Council and the important work that we do. The first two parts of a five-part story include a lot of good information, and differing perspectives. However critical information highlighted in part two of the series, is factually incorrect. Your story states, "Steve Mosher disagreed" with my statement that around three billion a year goes through the Council. Peggy Miller, also wrote "Rosemary Faretra the state's Assistant Commissioner Administrative Services, agreed with Mosher's statistics..." Nothing could be farther from the truth. A letter from Ms. Faretra will be posted on the Council's web site (www.state.nh.us/council) by press time, to verify the facts. It is impossible for Ms. Miller's conclusions to be accurate, when the bottom line dollar amount is not.

Her methods of allocating spending to each district are also questionable. How would she allocate a contract with an entity like NFI North that delivers services in district one to children from all five council districts? Ms. Miller further states, "Where a county was split between two districts, the funds were allocated half to each. Though the formula was not exact, those splits were rare." This method of allocation is not an accurate representation of how residents are being served and where they are receiving those services. Ms. Miller stated that grants and contracts that cross county lines are rare, this is not true, for example, the Connecticut River Water Shed Council serves portions of districts one, two, and five.

I am troubled by the factual errors contained in part two of the series on the Executive Council. I hope in the weeks to come Ms. Miller will be more accurate. You can be assured that I will continue to work hard to serve the people of Executive Council district five.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David K. Wheeler".

P.S. Please run this letter to the editor in all of the papers where the pertinent story was printed

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